

Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1885.

HOME NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

TRAINS PASS SAN MARCOS AS FOLLOWS:

MAIL. MAIL.

Going South: 4:40 P. M. and 8:03 P. M.

Going North: 8:40 A. M. and 10:15 P. M.

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Insect powder at McAllister's.

Flour, bacon and lard, at McAllister's.

Go to GREEN & PRICE for Gloves. They have every kind known to the trade.

Evaporated apples, the best and cheapest in the market at MARTIN HINZIE'S.

New Gingham, Calico, Dry Goods, Domestic, etc., JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

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Car load patent floor expected daily. HARDY & CO.

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Try our one pound packages of starch. HARDY & CO.

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You can get a beautiful parrot, cheap, at GREEN & PRICE'S.

Nice lot canned goods, also dried beef, just received at Hardy & Co's.

Come and see our new loaves. GREEN & PRICE.

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Got up in the best style at the FREE Press office.

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Call and examine our FANS. We will sell you very cheap. GREEN & PRICE.

The WHITE SWAN FLOUR "am sho' good". JAS. TAYLOR & BRO. will have it here next week.

Best Louisiana molasses at McALLISTER'S.

A car-load of White Swan Flour to arrive this week at JAS. TAYLOR & BRO.

Single copies of the FREE PRESS for sale at the office, also at the book store of Russell & Ellison, five cents a copy.

For fruits, such as Oranges, Bananas, Lemons &c., go to JAS. TAYLOR & BRO.

Single copies of the Daily St. Louis Republic and Globe-Democrat, New York Sun, Chicago News, etc., may be had at this office.

Remember that the Royal Patent and Engine Steam Fowls are the best in the market, and for sale only by M. HINZIE.

Nice line of water-coolers just received at M. HINZIE'S.

Parties wishing to buy McCormick binders or mowers, and those needing extra for their machines, as also twine and wire, will call on Wm. Giesen.

Carload of the justly celebrated Moine Wagons received and offered for sale at reasonable prices and terms WM. GIESEN, Agent.

We are still paying the highest price in groceries for corn, chickens, eggs and other country produce. Come to M. HINZIE'S.

We have for sale at half cost a Novelty Printing Press, valuable to any business house, or man. It may be seen at the FREE Press office.

Don't You Forget It.

Jerry Smith wishes everybody to remember that while he has engaged in the dairy business, he has not abandoned the dairy business. He is still carrying it on, and solicits a share of public patronage.

CASH FOR PRINTING.—All job work, which is essentially a cash business, must thereafter be paid for in cash. Don't ask us for credit or trade in this department.

Legal Card.

W. D. Wood and Owen Ford have associated themselves together for the practice of law in civil matters in Hays county, Texas. Office in Wood's new building, up stairs, San Marcos. Oct. 25-ly.

I DON'T WANT THE POSTOFFICE.

I don't want all who owe me, prior to last January, to pay me by June 1, or those accounts without respect to any one, will be placed in the hands of an officer for collection. W. H. ROBBINS.

San Marcos, May 10, 1885.

San Marcos Social.

Reading—Mr. B. B. Rose, Mrs. G. C. Reed, Mr. E. J. Thomas, Miss Mollie Keady, Miss Alice Dockrey, Mrs. A. G. Minie.

Music—String Band—Mrs. Dollie Avery, Mrs. Lucy Griffith, Mr. R. E. Rigby, Mr. W. Harris and daughter, Mrs. Fannie Gregory.

Meeting Tuesday evening next at the residence of Mr. G. B. Ezell.

An Important and Commendable Movement.

At a meeting of the town council on the 7th inst., we learn notice was given that at the regular meeting of that body, which will be on June 2, a resolution would be offered to change the government of the town from that of the town and village act to that of towns and cities, as provided by statute. A committee was appointed to draft ordinances to that effect.

We have for some time personally advocated this movement, and had several times thought of doing so through our columns. We are glad to find that it has been started without. We regard it as a very important and commendable step. It will place our town in the grade to which it properly belongs; will harmonize the conflict of laws which has heretofore been a hindrance to our progress, and ensure the ultimate success of our free schools, should other means fail.

By the way, is it not high time consideration was resumed as to what is necessary to be done towards carrying out the expressed will of our people in favor of the corporation taking exclusive control of our free schools? There is but little time to spare in order to be ready for the opening of the schools in September.

Wedding Bells.

The FREE PRESS has, this week, the pleasure of announcing, in advance, two weddings soon to come off in our town. The first will be that of Dr. R. J. Breckenridge, of Austin, and Miss Mary Lyons, late a leading teacher in La Grange seminary, but known and loved here from her childhood. We thought the unusually early adjournment of her school this season meant something extraordinary. The wedding will come off to-night.

The second wedding will be that of Prof. S. W. Stanford and Miss Emily Lillian Joyce, daughter of Rev. W. J. Joyce, and will come off at the Methodist church May 19th at 9 o'clock P. M. The parties have for some time been associated as teachers. See invitation in another column.

The FREE PRESS cordially extends its congratulations and best wishes to the "candidates" in both cases on the near fruition of their hopes, and wishes for all a life of continued felicity.

A Work of Art.

We refer to the beautiful statue put up by Mr. C. W. Byrnes, of Houston, by order of Mr. House of that city, at the grave of the late Major Hunter. The statue represents Grief, a female figure clad in antique drapery, clasping a rustic cross; the bearded head, downcast eyes, and half-parted lips, the whole contour, typify most perfectly the sentiment intended. It is beautiful piece of sculpture and will amply repay inspection.

This statue was made at Carrara, in northern Italy, famous the world over for its superior marble, there being thirty quarries of marble in the vicinity. The figure was never removed from the original block in which it left Italy until placed in position in the new cemetery last Tuesday afternoon. Its cost was \$1000. While gazing upon its chaste and symmetrical outlines we fully realized with the poet, that: There is a kind of eloquence in dumb grief That shames all eloquence of words.

We notice a nice plot of Johnson grass on Judge Wood's farm, which is being mowed for the first time.

At a special meeting of the Council on Tuesday, we learn that Sam. Watkins was appointed Street Commissioner, in place of E. P. Ivey, who declined to serve longer in that capacity.

It turns out that the repairs in the Episcopal church did not indicate a "coming man" in the form of a minister, as we suggested in our last, save for the occasion of a wedding service.

In addition to the beautiful piece of statuary referred to elsewhere, a very neat railing of galvanized iron piping with stone corners has been placed around the Hunter lot in the new cemetery.

There will be preaching at the Baptist church Sunday, 17th inst., morning and evening. Subject in the morning: "The work of a wise woman;" evening, "Repentance." All are invited to attend.

Steele & Code are going right ahead fitting things up. They have just put in another fifty-horsepower turbine wheel for exclusive use of the milling department. Mr. Code informs us that the firm will have their graining apparatus in complete readiness for the coming crop, and he also showed us diagrams of an improved cotton elevator by the aid of which one man can unload as much cotton in ten minutes as two men could in half an hour, in the old way. The cotton is delivered by an endless band directly to the gin or into stalls assigned to it as desired.

How they Run Up.

The following shows where the expenses come in when one luxuriates in a "time drunk" in this city, a "regular old he man" "jambores," "high-lonesomes," etc., of course, come somewhat higher:

Mayor's cost.....
Complaint on oath.....
Docketing case.....
Warrant of arrest.....
Issuing subpoena.....
Entering judgment.....
Taxing costs.....
Issuing capias pro fine.....
Executing writ.....
Summoning witnesses.....
Executing pro fines.....
Fine.....
Grand Total.....\$10.95.

Transfers of Real Estate.

From our last report to the 13th inst.:

Thos. J. Horn to Fred Carlson and F. J. Myers, interest in 640 acres Marcus R. Baper patent. Consideration, legal services.

J. W. Lowe to W. A. Lowe, interest in 1280 acres in McAllen County, also 1164 in Hays County, \$2,000.

W. A. Lowe to J. S. Malone, 311 1/2 acres in Hays County, \$1800.

M. F. Lowe to J. S. Malone, 155 1/2 acres in Hays County, \$834.50.

James Myers and wife to James H. Dand, 108 acres Jacob Myers patent, \$400.

The county commissioners' court is in session this week. Proceedings in our next.

We have still on hand several copies of our extra containing a description of San Marcos and Hays county, much the fullest, and we believe conceded to be the best and most truthful matter of the kind which has yet appeared. Just the thing to send to answer inquiries from abroad. Single copies five cents.

An Italian organ-grinder with the conventional monkey appeared in town last Tuesday, to the great delight of the little folks who followed the wonderful monkey-show all over town. The animal seemed to be pretty well trained and would lift his cap very politely in acknowledgment of a coin. Our opinion as to the grinder and his monkey was that the monkey was the best man of the two.

We should judge they have been riding a free horse to death ever in Gonzales, not to mention other places. The Inquirer proposes to shut down on the practice, and says: Hereafter we will make announcements, as to place and date of church and society entertainments, but anything more extended will come under the head of advertisements. This will include all cards of thanks, etc.

A sound platform.

A portrait of General George B. McClellan is the frontispiece of the May Century. Among the other engravings in this number are a full-page picture of General Lee and Jos. E. Johnson, taken together after the war, a full-page portrait of General Grant, from a photograph made in 1864, and portraits of General Heintzelman, Sumner, Keyes, Couch, Gustavus W. Smith, Magruder, Huger, and D. H. Hill. There is also a cut of the French prince who served General McClellan's staff, the Comte de Paris and the Duc de Chartres, with the Prince de Joinville, who was at the headquarters unattached, and the gentlemen of their suite.

We are glad to notice in this number a correction of the gross errors which occurred in an article on Sam Houston, by Alexander Hynds, which appeared in the Century for August last. The publishers were promptly informed of these errors, but no correction appeared till now. They certainly have been very deliberate about it. But "better late than never."

Counsellor Bliss in Blanco County.

We find in the Blanco News of week before last a remarkable notice of "Estrayed or Stolen" of a decidedly personal character. We learn otherwise that the man in the case is a well-known citizen of Hays county; that he was married to the woman in the case two months ago, and published notice week before last that he would not be responsible for the contracts of his wife, etc. Whereupon she turned the tables on him by the notice above referred to, and which we copy below:

ESTRAYED OR STOLEN.

Estrayed from the premises of the undersigned on the 9th of March, the following described genus homo: Height full six feet, weight about 200 pounds, blue eyes and light complexion, heavy mustache, two upper front teeth missing, somewhat gouted in right ear, fifty years of age, sandy hair sprinkled with silvery threads of gray, of dubious morality, and comparatively uneducated. When writing signs his name S. D. Meeks (but is better known as old Suddy). When last heard of was on his old range, at or near Burnett, Texas. Drinks occasionally at Baccus Springs. Information leading to his recovery will be rewarded with all persons are hereby warned not to harbor or illegally use in any way the above described property, as I possess lawful title to the same, and will prosecute any one to the full extent of the law. Burnett papers please copy. Mrs. M. P. Meeks. Johnson City, Texas, April 28, 1885.

Rev. J. D. Scroggins has something to say in the Galveston Christian Advocate of a trip he recently made from Abilene to San Antonio. We quote what he says of the legislature and our town:

I reached the city of Austin before the adjournment of the legislature. The honorable Legislature of the great State of Texas. Naturally expected to find an honorable and sober body of men. Being in search of my old friend, Hon. R. E. Hendry, of Cherokee, I attended the night session. To my utter astonishment I found them occupying the time, before opening business, in a most religious meeting! I should have expected better—may I should have found better—of any political convention. But here are men put in places of trust and honor by the good people—the church people—of a great state—spending their idle time in making the most sacred things! No wonder senators disgrace themselves and laws are made only to be repealed. Such men do not think. Men who do not think are not worthy of places in legislative halls. This is a shame, an unmitigated shame on the State of Texas. All were not engaged in this shameful folly, but many (I think a large majority), were. I have spoken "the truth, and nothing but the truth." If any one wishes the balance I will at any time finish the story. Carrying away I went aboard the evening train for San Marcos. On the way I thought: A fine city, a good pastor, an honest governor, but many unworthy men in the law-making body. I am glad to say my old adored friend, Hendry, was not connected with all this, but kindly tried to excuse "the boys," as he called them. I wish that I could see any excuse for such, but to me it is impossible. San Marcos would be called the Mexicans "Buenaventura," or blessed. It is a favored spot. That beautiful river flowing from the foot of the hill side; that hill covered at this time with green overflocking a fertile valley, make up one of nature's most lovely retreats. Here is settled an energetic, thrifty people, church spies give signs of religion, and last, but not least, nestling away up on the hill, among the evergreens, there stands a Methodist institution of learning. Long may it live to train the youth of that beautiful country the way to learning and the way to God. The friends of Coronal Institute down this way insist that it is not a sectarian school, but Rev. Mr. Scroggins, it will be seen, frankly styles it "a Methodist institution of learning." What is that but a sectarian school?

For Sale.

Grade Jersey Cattle, yearling heifers, from half to three-fifths \$25 to \$35. Two three-fourths males \$20 each, cows and calves \$50 to \$100.

Apply to the subscriber living two and a half miles north of Kyle. D. A. PORTER.

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McCormick self binder, Mowers etc, Jackson wagons, Deer plows, Candy silky plows, Standard cultivators, Book-walker hay rakes, Wheelbarrows and other machinery and farm implements for which I solicit orders, guaranteeing lowest prices and best terms. Wm. GIESEN.

PERSONAL.

The infant child of J. H. Patterson is quite sick.

G. W. Jones and family have removed to Boerne.

Mrs. Carroll Billingsley and daughter have gone on a visit to Northern Texas.

Jerome Horn's large new house is progressing rapidly.

Norcraft is building a house for Robert Pettit on his lot near Mr. Holmes' residence.

L. Powers has gone north as anticipated in our last. He will first stop in northern Indiana.

Mr. Holmes has improved his place wonderfully by painting it up and making other changes.

Mrs. Denton, we have since heard, accompanied the doctor on his visit to this place last week.

We regret to learn of the death of the infant son of Judge Fisher. The funeral took place on yesterday.

Mr. York, of Arkansas, mentioned in our last, is a nephew of our worthy fellow-citizen, C. W. Mann. He will remain here for some time.

Mrs. Georgia Farley, after spending a week or so with Mrs. Emma Mann and her interesting family, left for her home in Austin on Tuesday's train.

D. W. Fritchett visited San Antonio on a preaching mission the first of the week. He says they have a new church there but no preacher at present.

Ashley Gillett, went to Blanco City, last Friday morning to see about securing a school. Ashley has already successfully conducted several country schools.

Frank Johnson has returned from Hot Springs, Arkansas, after three weeks absence, in greatly improved health. One course of baths cured him of the rheumatism with which he was afflicted.

We should have stated in our mention of the "Court House Note Paper" in our last that it is on sale by Mr. Fromme, at his drug store. It is very nice, and we should think would have a run.

Mr. S. P. Chastain has sold the Bay State Organ which was on the May picnic grounds to Mr. Chas. Hutchings. Mr. Hutchings is a competent judge and his preference is significant of the merits of the Bay State.

Quite a little crowd of neighbors, with several visitors, assembled in the hospitable parlor of Captain Martin Tuesday evening, and enjoyed some delicious meals as rendered by his charming little daughters.

The small grain crop, we are glad to learn, promises well, though so much rain has caused it to go too much to straw. We have seen some very heavy volunteer crops of oats. Oats and rye are nearly ready to be harvested.

Rev. P. F. Healy, ex-president of the University of Georgetown, D. C., we learn from our friend, J. W. Burison, has been invited and will probably visit this place soon. He is at present traveling for his health. If he should visit us a more extended notice will be given.

Happening at Geo. Briggs' fine new residence on Monday, we were no little astonished to learn from Mrs. Briggs that their new and splendid home—but just completed—is for sale. And admirable chance for some one to suit themselves in a model house.

As will be seen by our report of Texas Patent office business last Sunday on our news, Mr. R. E. Smith has secured a patent on a ventilating cover, especially valuable for preserving milk. We have seen it and we believe it to be a good thing, it freely admits the air and keeps out dirt and insects.

Mr. C. W. Byrnes, of the Houston marble yard, arrived here last Sunday on business. Mr. Byrnes, in addition to placing the Hunter monument will put up one for Judge Gustav Cook. Mr. Byrnes is related to Roger Byrnes of this place, inasmuch as they are both sons of the Emerald Isle.

Dr. Denton was over here last week getting his bond as Superintendent of the State asylum renewed. Mr. Denton, the doctor's bondsmen are citizens of San Marcos, they are: J. V. Hutchins, Gid G. Johnson, T. C. Johnson, Dr. P. C. Woods, E. Northcraft and L. W. Mitchell. The amount of the bond is \$10,000.

Mr. Hull has already returned from San Antonio, and is preparing to leave on Monday. Mr. Hull is now engaged in writing up San Marcos news for the San Antonio Times, meanwhile pursuing his legal studies. Mr. Hull is an agreeable young man and a good writer and we admire his discernment in choosing his location.

Elder Williamson began a series of meetings at this place on Saturday night and will close them to-night. A steady increase in the attendance showed increased interest in the meetings. Elder W. is always an interesting and impressive speaker, and retains the friendship and good will of the great body of our people. Mrs. W., we learn, was with him here, but we failed of the pleasure of seeing her.

Mr. Musgrove, of Cotulla, was the guest of our worthy townsman, Mr. Richards, a few days since. He was raised near Lockhart. We are informed he was one of the party who opened the first road from San Marcos to the Blanco river, which camped where the passenger depot now stands. He inquired after his acquaintances, Maj. Moon and ex-Sheriff Wren, Mr. Musgrove thinks Johnson grass is the coming crop for his part of Texas. They cut three crops last season.

MR. MRS. W. J. JOYCE respectfully request your presence at the marriage of their daughter, EMMA LILLIAN to PROF. S. W. STANFIELD, at the Methodist church on the night of May 19th, San Marcos.

The couple, accompanied by several of their friends, departed immediately after the ceremony for New Orleans.

Newspapers of To-Day.

People generally, and even those who may be termed steady readers and close observers, have but a faint conception of the magnitude and influence the press of this country has attained. From a careful examination of the advance pages of the 1885 edition of the American Newspaper Directory, issued May 1st, by Geo. P. Rowell & Co., of New York, it appears that there are 14,147 newspapers and periodicals, published in the United States and Canada; of these the United States has 12,973, an average of one paper for every 3,877 persons. In 1884 the total number of newspapers was less by 823 than at present, and while the gain this year is not so marked as in some previous years, it is still considerable. Kansas shows the greatest increase, the number being 78, while Illinois follows with a gain of 77. It is curious to notice that New York, the scene of so much political activity during the last campaign, should have only about one-third as many newspapers as the state of Pennsylvania. As an index to the comparative growth, and prosperity of different sections of the country, especially the Territories, the number of newspapers forms an interesting study, and may well occupy the attention of the curious.

Gen. Grant's recovery, which now seems to be assured, is attributed by Rev. Dr. Newman to the influence of prayer. We think it only fair to divide the honor between prayer and red-clover tea. Certainly the doctors are not entitled to any of it.—Statesman.

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CORN! CORN! CORN!—Use Samost's Corn Cure. It gives immediate relief to the most painful corns. For sale only at RAYMOND & DANIEL.

Persons calling for the above letters will please say advertised, giving date.

ALBERT HEATON, P. M.

BARTHOLOMEW is the name of a handsome magazine, a number of which was handed us by a lady friend, with a suggestion to copy from it an article on "Diseases of the Skin," which will be found on the last page of our present issue, and which is worthy of a careful perusal. As its name implies, this magazine is devoted exclusively to the care of infants and young children and the general interests of the nursery. Leroy M. Yale, M.D., and Marion Harland, editors. Price \$1.50 per year. Address Babyhood Publishing Co., 18 Spruce street, New York.

To the Travelling Public.

OFFICE OF ST. LEONARD HOTEL, MAIN PLAZA, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, 1884.

Editor San Marcos Free Press:

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per day, and will be glad to see yourself and friends whenever you come to town, and will be on hand to attend to your comfort and make your stay agreeable.

Dr. L. A. Truxter, formerly of the "Central," having associated himself with me, will be found in charge of the office, and ready to receive any of his friends who may favor us with a call.

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Yours respectfully, PRINEAS P. LOUNSBERRY, Proprietor.

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"The Little Huckleberry."

There are very few who do not know of this little bush growing alongside our mountains and hills; but very few realize the fact that the little purple berry, which so many of us have eaten in most every shape, there is a principle in it having a wonderful effect on the bowels. Dr. Biggers' Huckleberry Cordial is the GREAT SOUTHERN REMEDY that restores the little one teething; and cures Diarrhoea, Dysentery and Grimy Colic. For sale by all druggists at 50 cents a bottle.

When Baby was sick, we gave her CASTORIA. When she was a Child, she cried for CASTORIA. When she became Miss, she clung to CASTORIA. When she had Children, she gave them CASTA.

ESTRA Y NOTICE.

Estrayed by D. S. Combs before C. S. Cook, justice of the peace precinct No. 1, Hays County Texas, the following stock, One brown Horse about 14 hands high 3 years old, branded T R connected on left shoulder, appraised